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Greeks' tour may give birth to new



Robert Cullen holds up four fingers to signify the number of goals he scored against Makedonia last Sunday. Now Cullen wants to quit George Cross. See story page 4.

Socceroos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The new Australian national team may be born in games against Olympiakos of Greece next month.

Rudi Gutendorf has agreed to coach Philips League select teams against Olympiakos — provided the teams comprise only players who will be eligible to represent Australia.

That means Gutendorf would field only players who are Australian-born, naturalised or soon to be naturalised.

Gutendorf at first turned down a request that he should coach the teams to play against Olympiakos but he changed his mind when he saw that the games could help him mould a new national squad.

Philips League chairman Sam Papasavas said this week — "Gutendorf's suggestion makes a lot of sense. I personally support the idea of fielding only prospective Socceroos."

However, it is up to the Philips League management committee to make a decision on Gutendorf's suggestion tonight (Wednesday).

Olympiakos will play against South Melbourne Hellas in Melbourne on November 26 and against Philips League select teams in Adelaide on November 29 and in Sydney on December 2.

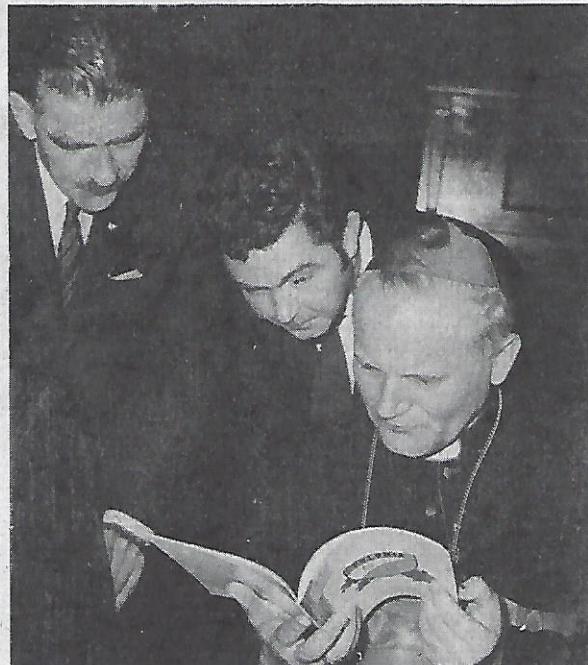
Gutendorf will have returned by then from New Zealand where his under 19 team will play qualifying matches for the World Youth Championship.

Sam Papasavas is trying to arrange a charity match between the under 19s and South Melbourne Hellas, of which he is president.

The game would be played at Olympic Park on November 5 and the cost of flying the under 19s to Melbourne would be deducted from the gate.

In other preparation games for the clash with Olympiakos, Hellas will play against Victorian State League champion Essendon Croatia at Middle Park on November 12 and against either J.U.S.T. or Preston-Makedonia on November 19.

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Pope was a goalie

that has always been shared by sister club Ardeer.

above being presented with Polonia's 20th anniversary publication by Czauderna (centre) and Tom Ostrowski, who was the club's secretary for many years and also co-editor of the anniversary book.

• Picture by Joseph Dabkowski, Mentone (93 6220).

Croatia to match Juventus record

The 1978 Essendon

+ Croatia team has a chance of equaling a Victorian record set by the famous Juventus sides of 1970.

Since the introduction of the State League Cup in 1969, which took to four the number of major competitions for the State League, no club has made a clean sweep, and only Juventus has won three trophies.

But Croatia can match Juve's feat if it wins the 1978 State League Cup final against George Cross at Olympic Park on Sunday.

So far this season, Croatia has won the league championship and the Ampol Cup.

In 1970, Juventus won the league championship, the Dockery cup and the State League Cup.

Croatia is favorite to notch up its third honor this year but the achievement is elusive. Over the past nine seasons, the feat of winning two honors has been performed by seven teams but the third trophy has escaped their grasp.

Das winners are: Croatia 1971 (State League & Ampol Cups), South Melbourne 1974 (League championship, Dockery Cup). Footscray 1975 (State League & Ampol Cups), South

Melbourne 1976 (league

championship, Ampol Cup),

Footscray 1977 (Dockerty and State League Cups), George Cross 1977 (league championship, State League Cup) and Croatia 1978.

George Cross will become a dual winner for the second successive year if it triumphs on Sunday.

After a series of ordinary performances, I think Croatia, aided by its ability to rise to the big occasions, will conquer George Cross.

But George Cross won 4-2 last week against Preston, the same team which held Croatia to a 1-1 draw. The Cross is at its peak, while Croatia is not.

The last time the two teams met in a final (the 1977 Ampol Cup) Croatia won 3-0. Earlier this season in a State League league fixture Croatia won 5-0.

* The District League Cup final will be the curtain-raiser.

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Last week we reported that one of Gutendorf's suggestions was to discourage scoreless draws.

This would be done by playing two periods of extra time after matches during which neither team has scored.

If the result remains 0-0, neither team is awarded a point.

To further encourage goalscoring, he suggests that any team which wins by five or more goals, be awarded a bonus point — that is, three points instead of two.

"When a team is leading, for instance, by 4-1, it

does not stop its efforts and does not allow the game to become boring," Gutendorf says. "Instead, the team attacks with power to score two or more goals to obtain the additional point."

Gutendorf adds that referees should do everything possible to help players to score more goals.

"For instance, when the referee or the linesman is in doubt whether or not it is an offside, he must let the game go on and not stop the action."

"I would like to speak to and convince the referees of this," Gutendorf says.

He adds that when a "sissy" receives a light knock and lies on the ground "like an actor," he should be given the yellow card.

"Only in grave cases should the referee stop the game," Gutendorf says.

He supports the idea of a four-week break in the PSL competition in June-July.

"European experience shows that crowds improve as they are hungry for soccer after the break," he says.

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Relax offside rule: Gutendorf

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Juniors boom but Govt. prefers 'Rules'

Although more boys are playing soccer in Australia than any other sport, they are still being treated as inferiors by the Victorian Government.

In the Victorian Junior League annual report, the chairman, Mr Vic Manson, points out that apart from being the most popular sport among children nation-wide, soccer now has more junior players in Victoria than at any other period of the State's history.

Mr Manson then listed comparative figures of government grants to soccer and Australian Rules.

In 1978-79 soccer received a \$35,000 grant, plus \$31,000 for development, whereas Australian Rules football received \$185,000.

That has been the pattern over the past five years.

Mr Manson pointed out that there exists special legislation to assist Australian Rules football in Victoria.

The legislation provides for the maintenance of what is called the "Australian Rules Football Fund", money from which is used for the encouragement of Australian Rules and to assist people and organisations to obtain equipment needed to play the sport.

There is no such legislation for soccer.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Tie in women's World Cup

France and Finland shared the championship of the World Women's Football Invitational Tournament after 11 days of competition.

France drew with Taiwan in a scoreless final match, while Finland beat Sweden 4-0 in an earlier game.

After five matches, both France and Finland had two wins, three draws and seven points.

The organising committee announced both winners of the 1978 World Women's Football Invitational Tournament, which opened here on October 11.

Taiwan managed to tie France, and in the final match to win third place, followed by the United States, Switzerland and Sweden.



Robert Cullen (right) scores the third of his four goals against Preston-Makedonia. Other players, from left, are: Peter Laumets, Gary Hooper and Tom Brewerton. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

YOU CALL THAT A DEFENCE?

By KYLE PATTERSON

Robert Cullen produced the best goalscoring display in the Victorian State League this season by notching all George Cross' goals in the team's 4-2 victory over Preston.

But Cullen must thank teammates Robert Mirak and Ken Reed and, most of all, the Preston defence for their help.

Mirak and Reed laid on passes to Cullen, presenting him with the easy task of slotting the ball into the back of the net, and the Preston defence did like amateurs on a Sunday picnic.

But no credit should be taken. But no credit should be taken: place at the right time, and took full advantage of the goalscoring chances that fell to him.

His lethal finishing won George Cross a place in the State League Cup final against Essendon Croatia this Sunday.

The four-goal blitz will not doubt make a few clubs take notice of the compact Scottish striker. Preston now knows exactly how good Cullen is and could be only one of many top teams chasing the George Cross star.

Cullen was brilliant but Tom Brewerton, Gary Hooper, Ljubo Petrovski and Steve Beech will not be very popular down Preston way during the next few weeks.

These four masquerade as the Preston defence, but during this season's State League Cup series the only thing they stopped was optimism among the club's supporters.

Preston's hopes took a dive in the first round when the defence went A.W.O.L. and allowed Hakoh to score four goals.

Against Croatia in round two, the Preston backline fared a little better, conceding only one goal as the teams shared a 1-1 draw.

But it must have been Croatia's lack of fire-power that led to a temporary stop of the rot. Against George Cross, the Preston defence was woeful.

George's four goals took to nine the total conceded by Preston in three State League Cup games.

The club finished in last position without a win.

The defenders' biggest mistake was allowing George Cross梦幻 Cullen and Reed to roam the forward line.

A man-to-man marking system would have been Preston's best bet. Instead of the zonal system employed, which was rendered useless by irresponsible defensive play.

Cullen took up a position midway between a full back and one of the central defenders. Surprisingly, in most instances, he was left unmarked.

Red found it easy to skip away from Brewerton, whose lack of pace and inability in the air embarrassed Preston.

The tall centre back was outpaced by opponents even when he had a yard or two start.

Hooper was the best of Preston's backmen, although that is no great honor.

Hooper, however, he must take the blame for the poor covering and organisation.

Jim Paparas of George Cross played a through ball on the left flank. Cullen ran on to it for the first goal but had Hooper taken a position three or four metres

behind the other three defenders, which is the practice a good sweeper follows, he would have been able to cover Paparas' ball.

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Croatia helps Hakoah to commit suicide

ESSENDON CROATIA 4 (Davidson 20th and 38th, Murphy 65th, Valli own goal 22nd.) HAKOAH 0, State League Cup, Olympic Park. Ratings —

CROATIA — Banovic 7, Smart 7, Kokoska 7.5, Gardiner 7.5, Bilaver 7, Andrew 7.5, Murphy 8, Culina 6 (Lesan 59th), Cumming 7.5, (Krnecic 59th), Gilder 8, Davidson 8.

HAKOAH — Whiteside 4, Valli 4, Gadsky 6, Baker 6, Daperis 5, Blair 6.5, Gibson 5 (Nagy 5, half-time), Jordanou 5, Craig 6, French 5, Clarey 5 (Owens 5, half-time).

By LAURIE SCHWAB

A bad mistake by goalkeeper Bill Whiteside and an own goal by right back Chris Valli wrecked Hakoah's morale and allowed Croatia to coast through the remaining 68 minutes.

Croatia should have won by a far greater margin.

Eddie Krnecic, who had come on for Tommy Cumming just after half time, missed with a point-blank header and Brian Davidson surely would have added to the score had he taken on opponents more often.

After having scored two goals, Davidson may have had his confidence dented when he ran with the ball from the half line, leading Valli all the way, only to roll the ball straight into the arms of Whiteside.

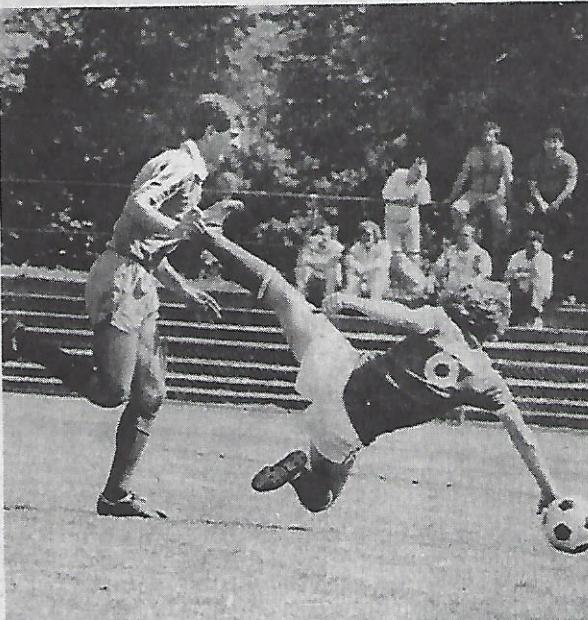
After that, he continued breaking away with his superior pace, proving so much better than his opponent, Valli, that Valli eventually changed places with the other full back, John Daperis.

However, Davidson's runs stopped at the edge of the penalty area when they should have continued.

He did, however, figure in the fourth and final goal. Ken Murphy, who had been cutting out countless balls in midfield, played it into Davidson's path. Davidson cut it back to Howard Andrews, and Andrews passed short to Murphy who lashed the ball into the top corner with a swerving shot that left Whiteside in a daze.

Notwithstanding the criticism, it must be said that Davidson contributed greatly to the victory, as did Carl Gilder who was playing as central striker in place of Krnecic.

Gilder, marked in the first half by Steve Gadsky, won the ball



Youch! ! Hakoah's Bill Jordanou (left) runs into the foot of Croatia's falling midfielder, Howard Andrews.

Cumming took the corner, the ball went off heads and fell into the open. Davidson, left alone by Valli, ran onto the ball and slammed it into the net from a fairly acute angle.

Howard Andrews, Ken Murphy and to a lesser extent Branko Culina, were dominating the midfield, supported by Cumming dropping back to the half-line.

In contrast, Hakoah's Bill Jordanou and Ian Gibson were rarely seen. Only Stewart Blair did anything constructive. Up front, Clarey, French and George Craig rarely saw the ball.

And so, coach Frank Micic made changes at half-time. Gadsky, who had been marking Gilder, was moved up to add

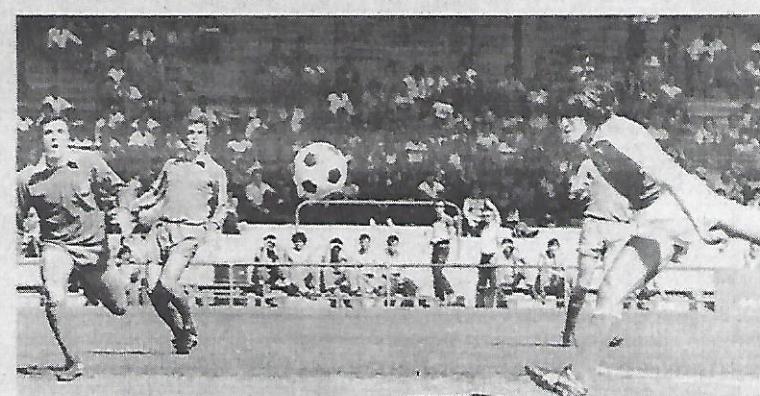
strength to the midfield. Les Owens came on to replace Gilder in defence, and Gibson was taken off.

Clarey, carrying an injury, was replaced by Les Nagy. Incidentally, centre back Anton Dosen was missing from the team due to injury.

Krnecic, who had been released by national coach Rudi Gutendorf, from the under 19 training camp in Sydney, came on for Cumming just after half-time. Zeljko Lesan replaced Culina in midfield.

Hakoah looked to have a chance of pulling back a goal when George Craig got away in a break. However, Anto Bilaver came across from the flank and showed expert timing to rob Craig of the ball with a brilliant tackle.

In the 38th minute a cross from Cumming forced Whiteside to punch the ball over the bar with the sun in his eyes.



Croatia's Eddie Krnecic unleashes a powerful header — but it missed. At left are Hakoah goalkeeper Bill Whiteside and full back John Daperis.

Mckay quits

Victorian State coach Duncan McKay will not renew his contract with State League club Green Gully Ajax.

Ajax is now looking for a playing or non-playing coach to replace McKay for the 1979 season.

Mckay, who played for Celtic in Scotland and Croatia in Melbourne, has a contract with Ajax until the end of 1978.

He decided that it was too far for him to travel from his home in the eastern suburbs to St Albans, and so he and Ajax have parted company on friendly terms.

Mckay was appointed State coach this year and led Victoria in its victory over touring Scottish team Dundee.

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The match itinerary for Yugoslav team Vardar Skopje will be finalised within a week.

Vardar will play two matches in Melbourne, one in Adelaide and one in Sydney next month.

The visit is being arranged by Footscray J.U.S.T.



Tony Kovac, president of Footscray J.U.S.T.

West hails Lorenzoni

West Adelaide won the Escort Cup by beating Adelaide City in a penalty shoot-out in the second leg of the competition at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

City beat West 2-1, the identical score by which West triumphed in the first leg on May 28.

With the scores tied 3-3 on aggregate, both sides took five penalties.

Con Kampas, Nick Pantelis, Alex Zervas and David Jones converted the first four West penalties.

But after Aggle Muniz, Gary Marocchi and John Nykohus had scored Zoran Matic had his kick saved by Martyn Crook.

Vic Bozanic took the fifth West penalty to clinch it.

Earlier, City had little trouble with a depleted West and scored after only seven minutes with a fine 25-metre shot from Brian Northcote.

Aggle Muniz added a second in the 55th minute and the Cup looked set to go to City.

But 16-year-old substitute Aldo Lorenzoni, playing his first match, cracked a sizzling 25-metre shot in the 85th minute to send the teams into the penalty shoot-out.

Three minutes later Lorenzoni, who looks a great prospect, broke away and defender Sergio Melita was forced to drag him down as he was set to equalise.

Lorenzoni scored 50 goals for West Adelaide's junior team this season.

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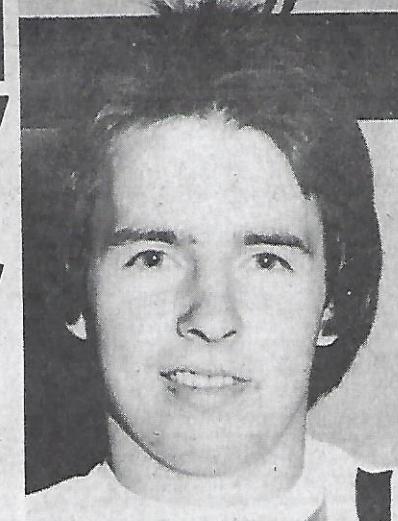
\$1100 legal bill is cause of his discontent

Cullen: I'll quit if I don't get transfer



According to Cullen, former George Cross supremo Ken Wagstaff is the best coach we've had in Australia. Wagstaff (seated) is pictured charting with fellow coach Bobby McLachlan at the 1976 Bill Fleming Medal presentation night. In the foreground are Zoran Iloski and Mendo Ristovski of Footscray J.U.S.T.

By
KYLE PATTERSON



George Cross striker Robert Cullen

In 1976, Wagstaff, a former Hull City star, worked miracles with George Cross.

He took over as coach after the sixth round of State League championship with George Cross in last place with one goal for, and 16 against.

At the end of the league season, the Cross was equal third with Mooroolbark, and had a positive goal average.

In the State League Cup series, George missed out on qualification for the final on goal average.

"In my opinion, and from what I've heard about others, Ken Wagstaff would be one of the best coaches ever in Australia," said Robert.

However, Wagstaff's talent was lost to Australian soccer after one season.

His replacement as coach of George Cross was **Billy Wilkinson**, another former Hull City man.

"Billy was also a good coach," said Cullen. "He had a different style, but gained great success in 1977."

"Everyone says George Cross wouldn't have done as well in '77 if Footscray, South Melbourne and Fitzroy Utd had not left the league to play in the PSL."

"But George Cross would have won the championship even if those others had been in the league. Our team that year was strong and well-balanced."

But Cullen missed many of George Cross' games towards the end of 1977 because of suspension, and had earlier missed matches at the start of this season.

Altogether, his six-month suspension saw him miss 22 games.

But Cullen came back with style this season. His first game after suspension was against Frankston.

The Cross lost 1-2, but Cullen scored the team's goal.

Three days later, Cullen was on target again, grabbing a goal in his team's 2-2 draw with Juventus in a postponed State League match.

But midway through the season, George Cross had another change in the coaching position.

John Sanchez took over from Wilkinson, who resigned.

"Sanchez has given the players a lot of confidence," said Cullen. "He got the team more organised and encouraged individual players."

Tommy Cumming, the Essendon Croatia forward, is Cullen's pick as the best player in the State League.

"I have not seen many PSL games," he said, "but Tommy would have to be one of the best players in Victoria."

I suggested to Robert he and Cumming are similar in some respects, both being small, fast wingers and hailing from Scotland.

"We are similar in some areas," agreed Robert, "but Tom's probably about 10 times better as a player."

That's high praise indeed.

Strangely enough, Robert's most memorable game was an unofficial one, and no spectators were present.

"Wagstaff arranged a game between George Cross and the Victorian State team," said Robert. "It was behind closed doors, but it was a magic night for me."

"We won 8-3, and I scored three goals. The State team had all the top players, including Graham French and Mendo Ristovski, but we out-played them."

Hopefully, Cullen and George Cross can come to an agreement that keeps both parties happy. It would not be good for the player, the club not soccer if we saw a repetition of the Lou Kastner saga.

Pint-sized winger Robert 'Tiger' Cullen, who last week announced his intention to quit George Cross, says he will stand out of soccer if the club refuses to transfer him.

The 21-year-old striker wants to play in the Philips League, but he claims it's disillusionment at the way the Victorian State League club has treated him that has made him take his militant stand.

Cullen had hoped George Cross would pay his outstanding legal expenses of \$1,100. Instead, he has to pay them himself.

And for a young man recently married, and living in this country only on a temporary visa, that is a heavy burden to bear.

The problem stems from a controversial incident after a Hakoah/George Cross game last year.

Cullen was found guilty by the tribunal of punching Hakoah player **Bill Jordano**. The blow broke Jordano's jaw, and Cullen was given a two-year suspension.

"I regret what I did after that game," said Cullen. "I deserved to be punished, because what I did was wrong."

"I'm sorry I caused so much trouble to a lot of people, especially to Jordano. I didn't want to break his jaw, but at the time I lost control of myself. I just exploded."

"But a two-year suspension is a harsh punishment. As soon as it was handed down, I knew I'd have to appeal and get the suspension reduced."

"The club's delegate to the State League was with me at the hearing," said Robert, "but said there was not much I could do."

And so Cullen took the matter into his own hands and sought legal advice.

"The legal firm I went to was interested in my case," he said. "They realised it was a serious matter, and devoted a lot of time and effort to getting my suspension reduced."

"But the solicitor and barristers were working under the assumption that George Cross would pay all the legal expenses. I was hoping the club would back me up."

The effort paid dividends, and on review, the V.S.F. appeals committee reduced the disqualification to six months.

Because his visa had expired, Cullen returned to his native Scotland.

George Cross offered to bring Cullen's wife, **Janice**, to Australia.

Cullen was married when he returned home after the 1977 season and was set to play with the Cross in May of 1978, when his suspension was over.

But on return to Melbourne, Cullen was shocked to hear news from the legal firm that the club hadn't paid the \$1,600 bill.

Cullen paid \$200 of his own money to the legal firm and donations from supporters, reduced the balance owing to \$1,100.

Cullen has now given up asking the club to pay the money.

Before George Cross' game against Hakoah in the second round of the 1978 State League Cup, the financial problem reared its ugly head once more.

"A couple of minutes before we were due to go onto the field," said Cullen, "a club official came in and handed me a letter from the legal firm. The company has threatened me with legal action if I don't pay the bill."

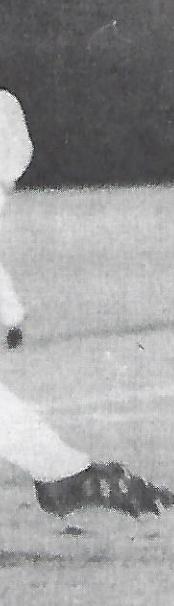
Cullen played poorly that game, and it is obvious why he didn't get into the team.

"I'm trying to prepare myself for a game of soccer, and then a letter threatening legal action is dropped in my lap. It's not the sort of thing that helps you get the right attitude," Cullen said.

"When I first played with George Cross I didn't care about the money I was being paid. I got into crazy tackles to win the ball, and risk injury for the team."

"But now it's different. I still want to win, but the same do-or-die spirit isn't there."

"I've seen two of my best friends —



Former George Cross star Paul Murphy, a good friend of Cullen's. Murphy was "axed" by the club. Cullen claims.

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PLAYER POWER HOLDS SOCCER BACK: REILLY

By KYLE PATTERSON

Self-motivation has driven Jack Reilly to the top in the world of business and international soccer.

The 33-year-old South Melbourne goalkeeper's pride in his own ability has enabled him to play alongside some of the greats of modern soccer — Pele, Beckenbauer and Mueller — and carve a trail in the financial jungle as general manager of a short-term money market company.

Reilly the lover of soccer has some definite opinions on the failings of the round ball code in this country.

Because of his stature and his undoubted experience (nearly 10 years spent playing in this country), part of this interview will be devoted to Reilly's views.

The 1974 World Cup veteran, who's also a Bachelor of Law, has some diverse ideas on the development of soccer in Australia.

Firstrly, he believes the Philip League's ambition to involve clubs from major rural cities in the national league is not feasible.

"The PSL must forget that idea for the moment," said Reilly. "You must be able to walk before you run and it's not possible for national league clubs to be set up overnight in places such as Ballarat, Geelong or Colac."

"But the league should start immediately working to set up a national under 19 competition."

Jack added such a competition, which could be run on a State-wide basis until it was financially viable to go nationally, would benefit senior, as well as junior soccer.

"An under 19 team playing in Geelong, for example," he said, "would allow the PSL to gauge soccer's popularity in that area. The locals would attend the games if the players were Geelong-born."

"If the under 19 team were supported well by the locals, we'd know there was a chance that a full PSL club could survive in the area."

"Also, the under 19 set-up would provide the basis for a PSL club, providing players and establishing a set of sup-

porters. It would get the locals interested in the national league."

The junior game, the development of which Reilly believes should be the number one priority of soccer administrators, would of course gain great benefit from a national under 19 competition.

"The 15-18 year-old age group is a big wasteland in junior soccer," said Jack. "Many young players in this age group lose interest and motivation and drop out of soccer."

"The big factor here is the battle facing young players making the jump from junior to senior soccer. Unless a player is excellent, he's likely to play in a State League reserve team, a team in the lower reaches of the Metropolitan League, or maybe spend a season sitting on the bench for a PSL team."

"We must give these players incentive. An under 19 competition would give them regular, high standard soccer, and offer them the chance to travel interstate or to major country cities."

Reilly said these young players would get used to travel, which would help if they broke into a PSL team.

"The teenagers, when given a chance at that level, would stick to soccer. But if a youngster spent a season or two in a State League reserve team, he'd be inclined to give the game away because he has the lure of girlfriends and a car."

"At present, youngsters have to wait until a has-been retires before he gets a place in a senior team. It's not a good situation."

Reilly spoke of British soccer, where professional clubs

Veteran of '74 aims for Spain

concentrate on building up a good youth team, instead of a reserve team.

"A greater concentration on the 15-18 age group would reduce the drop-out rate," said Jack.

But Jack realises the prospects of improvement in this area are not good.

"Nobody's got the guts to plan a five to 10-year programme," he said. "Very few clubs or administrators have the endeavour to commit themselves to a plan. Everyone wants immediate success."

Reilly's under 19 scheme ties in with a theory he has on the way to increase crowds at PSL matches and take soccer to outer-suburban areas.

"With more and more juniors coming up through the ranks," he said, "top teams slowly are being filled with Australian-born players."

"I'm sure in the next five years we'll see local superstars emerge. For example, a player from Dandenong makes it with South Melbourne. I guarantee 500 people from Dandenong will go to watch him, if the right publicity is used."

"If he were built up in the Dandenong area as our superstar Johnny," the locals would feel inclined to go to watch him play, as though he's representing Dandenong on the soccer field."

"Working on that theory, a club's gates would rise by 2,500 if the team had five local boys who had made it to the top."

Reilly added that clubs would gain a lot by setting up a good youth team.

"Apart from attracting more people with local players," he said, "a club can avoid paying hefty transfer fees for overseas players or for established stars with Australian clubs."

Jack added that he wasn't against clubs importing players and that the practice would have to continue until Australia produced top players.

"Junior clubs ask me what is their role in the development of soccer at a national level," said Jack. "Obviously all junior clubs are there to provide a place for youngsters to start off in soccer. But a club must have the aim of getting one of its players into the PSL."

"Maybe only one in 100 will be good enough, but if the club can get some money for him, then it can invest and work to get three of the next 10 into the big time."

"Junior soccer is the life blood of the game," said Jack, "and it's about time we paid more attention to this aspect of local soccer."

He added that the calibre of our juniors matches the standard in Britain, or any other country in the world.

"We have the raw materials, so to speak," said Reilly, "but fall down in the area of socialist coaching and lack of professional clubs. If we had the latter, our excellent juniors would become excellent seniors, as is the case in Britain."

Reilly is critical of two areas of Australian soccer.

He believes clubs should take a much harder line with players, and he believes the success of Newcastle KB Utd is slightly mis-leading.

On the topic of "player power" Reilly believes only two clubs in Australia — Marconi and South Melbourne — protect their coach from the club's players.

"In most cases," said Jack, "a coach is not judged on his performance or ability, but on the whims of players. Too many club committees are accessible to players, who go behind the coach's back to whisper in an official's ear.

"A club should be bigger than any player. There must be strength in the coach and administration to discipline any player."

"I don't know of any player who would take liberties in a green and gold jumper. Players behave in the national squad because their heads are on the block."

"But it shouldn't be fear that makes them toe the line. Discipline should be imposed over a long period at club level."

"Australian soccer will never be successful under the current administrative set-up."

Reilly's knowledge of player power comes from his time as coach of Fitzroy Alexander in 1976.

Jack believes the success of Newcastle in the PSL was due mainly to an extensive promotions campaign.

"I was talking to a few people from the club when South Melbourne played up there," said Reilly, "and this season Newcastle was run at a minor loss."

"The club spent thousands on promoting the game, and from that point of view Newcastle is successful. But from the point of view of soccer, the club hasn't done much for long-term benefit."

"I stand to be corrected if I'm wrong, but I think you'll find Newcastle spent very little money on the juniors in the areas. The promotional dollars they spent lured crowds immediately, but what is the club doing to ensure soccer will continue to grow?"

"They sold soccer off the field, but didn't do much on-field."

Reilly said Newcastle would be better off spending \$10,000 on juniors, than giving the same amount to an advertising company.

"Money spent on juniors today means players and big crowds in five to 10 years' time. Promotional expenditure means crowds today, but a need to keep spending to maintain interest."

Many will no doubt disagree with Jack's opinions.

But you can't deny the man credit for his endeavour and concern with Australian soccer.

Reilly has an inner strength that pushes him forward to achieve his personal goals. The desire to reach constantly changing targets has kept his soccer career alive.

A good example of Reilly's self-motivation was presented earlier this season.

After being part of Australia's unsuccessful 1978 World Cup bid, he found himself unable to get a place in the South Melbourne team.

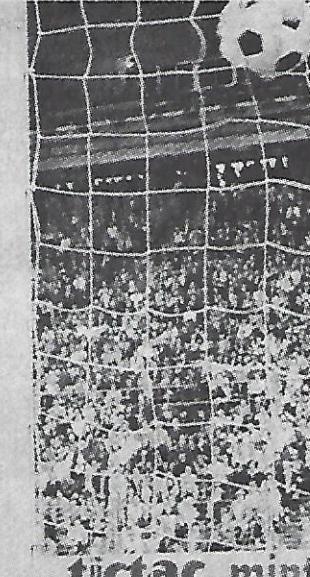
"I had a minor problem with kidney stones," said Jack, "which kept me out of training for a while. There was also the let-down of the World Cup failure. All the players were convinced we had a chance right up until the last game."

Reilly is critical of two areas of Australian soccer.

He believes clubs should



On that got away! Reilly lunges vainly as Wolfgang Overath's shot enters the net for West Germany's first goal against Australia in a 1974 World Cup match. The game, which the Germans won 3-0, is rated by Reilly as his most memorable.



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"I wanted to win my place back. It was something I had to put right. I didn't feel any pressure from the outside just because I'd played for Australia and was suddenly a reserve. The pressure came from within; my pride was dented".

"It's history that Reilly regained his place, and went on to play as well as he ever had. Let's now trace the career of Jack Reilly."

He was always a goalkeeper, because of his height and agility. As an 18-year-old he joined top Scottish club Hibernian. But at the same time he was attending university for a course in law. The conflicting interests put a big strain on Jack's soccer.

"I had to keep playing well," said Jack, "because I needed income from soccer to pay my way through uni. Often, where my next meal came from depended on how well I played."

Jack Stein, who was recently appointed coach of the Scottish national team and is a former manager of Celtic and Leeds Utd, was manager of Hibs at the time.

"Stein is head and shoulders above any other coach I have played under," Reilly said.

Jack often ran into trouble over the conflict between training sessions and classes, but said the club was fair to him and allowed him a flexible training schedule.

The top players with Hibernian at the time were Pat Stanton (Scottish international, now Celtic), Peter McCormack (ex-Liverpool), now Bristol City) and Joe and Jerry Baker.

After five years and 38 first team games with Hibs, Reilly was bitten by the travel bug.

He left for the U.S.A. where he played with the Washington Whips.

He was to spend 18 months in North America, during which time he met a coach who changed his whole outlook on soccer.

"At Washington there was a Hungarian called Nagy," said Jack. "He coached goalkeepers and he improved my game tremendously. In fact, if he'd coached me when I was 16, I'd still be playing top soccer in Britain today."

"It was the little things he pointed out, like the positioning of your feet when making a save, and how to watch certain players when reading the game. They were things I thought I was doing right".

With his style altered, Reilly returned to Scotland. "When I returned home," he said, "Stein was with Celtic and asked me to join him. But I turned the offer down. Going to Celtic would have meant starting at the bottom again. I was 25 and didn't fancy doing that!"

Reilly knew Bryan Thompson and Bobby Thomson (no relation), who had played for Aberdeen, but were heading to Australia to play for Juventus Melbourne.

"I'm indebted to Les Eddie and Henry Greenfield," said Jack. "Who put up their own money to buy me. No other club in Melbourne was prepared to pay the amount St George was asking".

"The Hakoah team wasn't strong," said Jack, "and we finished fifth in my first sea-

son. I got the feeling the club was disappointed they didn't finish higher. But there was no animosity".

Reilly's next move was to Fitzroy Alexander on the invitation of Tony Boggi, the man who led Juventus to success in 1970.

Boggi was coach in 1975 of Fitzroy's ill-fated excursion into the coaching field.

"My season as coach in 1976 taught me one thing," said Jack. "It's not possible to coach and play at the same time. I'm not going to coach a senior side until I've finished playing, and have become equipped to coach".

After his stint as coach of Fitzroy, Jack left the club and joined South Melbourne.

"I couldn't return to being a player with the club after the happenings of the 1976 season," he said.

"Taking over as coach turned out to be one of the worst decisions of my life."

But it's in the Australian national team that Reilly has made his mark. He's played more than 40 internationals.

He picks at his most memorable game, the Australia v West Germany game during the 1974 World Cup finals.

"That's what it's all about," said Jack. "The crowd was 90,000 and the Beckenbaus and the Muellers were on show."

In other representative games, Reilly has played for Victoria 32 times and for NSW four times.

"My most memorable game for Victoria was against Moscow Dynamo just before I left Juventus," he said. "12 months prior to the game they had beaten us 7-0 and I had something to prove to myself."

"We drew the game 0-0 and I had one of those games where everything went right".

Jack had great faith in the ability of former Australian coach Jim Shoulder.

"Shoulder was the best theoretical coach I've ever known," said Jack. "The problem was he was given the job five years too soon. He had great knowledge, but not enough experience."

"At times, Jim's belief in his players' ability was too well placed".

Reilly added that Australia could ill-afford to lose the talents of coaches such as Rasic or Shoulder.

"I hope the new coach Rudolf Gutendorf works at bringing together all the top coaches in the country, and gets them working for him towards the one target."

The ultimate target is qualification in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

Reilly has a similar target. Even though he will be 37 in '82, he's aiming at being Australia's goalkeeper in the World Cup in Spain.

"A player must always be aiming for something", said Jack. "Once you stop having ambitions, you may as well stop playing".



Reilly, alone in the goalmouth, salutes on Australian goal at the other end of the field.

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—It's a winner



Hakoah 1978, standing from left: Bill Jordanou, Anton Dozen, Bill Whiteside, Steve Gadsby, Les Nagy, Graham French, George Craig, Mike Clarey. Front: Chris Valli, Ian Gibson, David Baker, Les Owens, Stewart Blair, Sean Rooney.

**Top players
and eight
Cup triumphs**



Hakoah, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, had its first committee meeting in January, 1928.

The first game was against North Carlton at Fawkner Park and Hakoah won 1-0.

After the game, Hakoah was officially affiliated with the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association.

The club was named after the famous Vienna Hakoah club which had achieved great success in Austria.

Kurt Defris, who has been secretary of Hakoah-St Kilda since 1947, is a former player of Vienna Hakoah.

Hans Stroh and vice-president Fred Halperin were also involved with the Austrian club.

The first executive committee of Hakoah-St Kilda was: Joe Shetkin (president), Sam Yaffa, Max Orloff, Norman Sharin, Kalman and Eric Rabinow, Jack Skolnik, Harry Spivakovsky, Stan Rosenberg, Sam Goldfein, Henry Goldberg, Bob Fetter and Morris Belkan.

During the 50 years of its existence, the main aim of the club has been to keep the traditional name of Hakoah as the symbol of Jewish sports involvement in Melbourne.

Hakoah is justifiably proud of being the only Jewish-sponsored soccer club in Melbourne.

For many years, Hakoah-St Kilda has been the "poor relation" of Sydney's mighty Hakoah club — but it was not always so.

From 1934 to 1938, for example, Hakoah won three Victorian First Division championships and a Dockerty Cup.

And from 1953 to 1956 inclusive, it won the Dockerty Cup four years running.

In fact, Hakoah has won the Dockerty Cup eight times — more often than any other club.

Kurt Defris is the longest-servicing of the current administrators, but there are others who deserve mention.

John Chaskiel, for example, has been chairman for 10 years and Kadish Korman has been vice-president and treasurer for almost as long.

Jack Skolnik was one of the strongest early presidents.

Other prominent Hakoah leaders included Vic Gross, Lee Erdi, Dr H. Baytch who became a life member of the Victorian Soccer Federation and of course the current VSF Chairman.

Michael Weinstein, who is still on Hakoah's committee.

Hakoah's past coaches have included some of the foremost names in soccer — Asa Robbins, John Kursweil, Dave McIntosh, Tom Jack, Manny Pollak, Jim Adam, Mike Mandelis, Milenko Rusmir, Stan Moore.

And of course there were also great players.

One of the greatest was crack centre half Akio Roth who came from German club FC Nuernberg and became a regular member of the Victorian team.

Gerry Chaldi, now coach of Hakoah in Sydney, played half back for Melbourne's Hakoah for two years in the sixties.

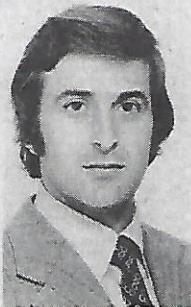
Harry Sutherland played in England for Leeds United, Exeter and Bournemouth and was player-manager of Western League club Bideford before he came to Australia in 1953 — at the age of 38!

His first job was with Brighton, where as player-coach, he led his new into the Dockerty Cup final.

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Hakoah — back on the path to glory

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Dennis Krongold

"We are not brash. We are not saying we'll kill everyone next year," says Krongold.

"Many teams will be trying for a place in the national league, so we'll be asked to make a game of it each and every week."

"All I'm saying is that we'll be up there with the leaders."

"We've ironed out some of the bugs involved in developing a new team and we've been trying to encourage a new mental attitude among our players."

"We'll see the full impact of that next year."

"The players are moulding in as a team and as personal friends. It is a matter of concentrating on what they are being taught and applying it constantly."

"We will certainly stick with the players and the coach we now have. They are the nucleus of a winning side."

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Players signed included: Bill Whiteside, Les Owens (Slavia); Graham French, John Daperis, Ian Gibson, Anton Dozen (Hebras) and Sean Rooney (Melbourne).

And of course, there was the master-stroke of recruiting the great Frank Micic as coach!

As a result of achieving its most successful season of the decade, Hakoah's support has risen dramatically.

"We've been flabbergasted by the increase," says Krongold.

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ager Harry Sutherland, masseur Joe McCrory and caretaker Joe Wanda.

Hakoah is closely associated with a variety of sporting bodies all operating as part of the Hakoah Sports Club.

They are — cricket, hockey, table tennis and Australian Rules which are based at Albert Park; ice hockey at Clayton; athletics at Fawkner Park; ladies hockey at Port Melbourne and ladies' table tennis.

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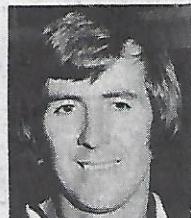
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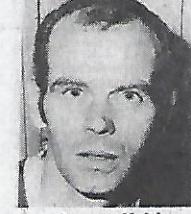
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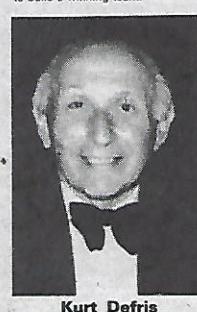


Jim Armstrong



George Keith

The 1954 Hakoah team which won the Dockerty Cup, standing from left: Mr Brown (official), Kurt Defris (secretary), Tom Jack (coach), Pat Clarke, Dave McIntosh, Jack Skolnik (president), goalkeeper Klassic, Syd Thomas, Frank Moucka, Jim Reich (manager), Bobby West (player). Front: Harry Sutherland, Henry Rice, D. Aliempijevic, Jackie Ressler, Milan Vesovic.



Kurt Defris

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Forward line oldest in the league

The following year, Sutherland joined Hakoah, which had beaten Brighton in the 1953 Cup final, and he played there in 1954, '55, '56 and '57.

He stayed on as coach but later switched to Altona City which he coached from 1967 to 1972.

Now he's back with Hakoah as team manager.

Sutherland's 31 goals in 1954 still stands as the highest total by a Hakoah first-team player.

The Hakoah team that won the Dockey Cup four times in a row featured probably the oldest forward line in Victorian top-league history.

Inside forward Henry Rice from Scotland, winger Jackie Ressler and Czech ball artist Joe Gottsemann were well into their thirties.

Ressler was one of the great Hakoah stalwarts. His name became synonymous with Hakoah.

John Slade was only 18 when he played in the 1954 Dockey Cup final. Regular goalkeeper Klessic was dropped to make room for Slade who acquitted himself well.

However, Hakoah later got Aldo Vitti from Juventus and Slade had to play second fiddle again.

Dave McIntosh, a left back, was an accomplished Scotish player who later coached Hakoah and Milan Vesovic was a strong robust wing half from Yugoslavia.

Two Hakoah greats who have since died were full back Bill Harburn and Tom Jack who was capped many times for Australia.

Hakoah's major honors:

- 1934 — First Division champion
- 1935 — Won Dockey Cup, First Division champion
- 1936 — First Division champion
- 1943 — First Division champion
- 1945 — Dockey Cup winner as Moreland-Hakoah
- 1953 — Won Dockey Cup
- 1954 — Won Dockey Cup
- 1955 — Won Dockey Cup
- 1956 — Won Dockey Cup and Armstrong Cup
- 1958 — Won Armstrong Cup
- 1964 — Won Armstrong Cup
- 1966 — Won Dockey Cup
- 1970 — Won Armstrong Cup
- 1973 — Won Dockey Cup
- 1975 — Won Armstrong Cup

Harburn, who played for Bishop Auckland in England and whose son Steve played goalkeeper for Hakoah and Sandringham died in the West Gate Bridge disaster.

Hakoah has three more distinguished Australian internationals — Ralph Percy, Syd Thomas and Angus Drennan.

Percy, a brilliant outside left, played for Chester in England and guested for many of the top English clubs during the war.

Syd Thomas, from Scotland, played on the wing or at half back. He was with Harry Sutherland at Brighton before both switched to Hakoah and he played for Victoria as well as Australia.

Angus Drennan won the Victorian Argus Medal while with Box Hill in 1959. He also played for ICI Deer Park and was a fine servant of Hakoah.

Another great player of that era was Czech full back Frank Mouska. Going further back into the late forties, we remember Alby Meier and Ian Peters as fine servants of Hakoah.

The greatest player of more recent times was defender John O'Neill, an Eire international, who joined in 1965. O'Neill spent six years with Preston North End, playing alongside the great Tom Finney, and was also with Barrow where a broken leg almost ended his career. He won the Argus Medal in 1969.

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Dick van Alphen was a top player in Holland and with Ringwood Wilhelmina before he switched to Hakoah and was capped for Australia. He was one of the Socceros who returned unbeaten after a 10-match tour of Asia in 1957.

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The men who make it all happen



DAVID BAKER, centre back, Hakoah's longest serving player. Baker was a full back 10 years ago when John Stenhouse and the great John O'Neill were the centre backs. Baker, who has represented Victoria, won his first Rothmans Medal with a record vote in 1975, and added a second in 1977. 21 appearances. Pictured tackling Ken Reed of George Cross.



GE CRAIG, forward, Scottish-tried his luck in New Zealand transferring to Hakoah last year. Made 11 league appearances and scored four goals.



CHRIS VALLI, left back, came up through the Hakoah juniors. Injured during the Ampol Cup but came back with a vengeance to put a mortgage on the left back position for much of the season. Played 17 games this year.



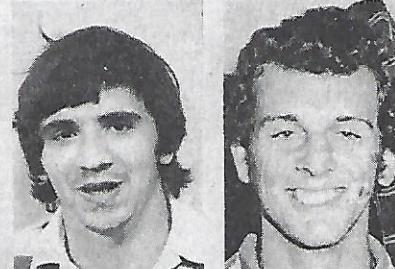
JOHN DAPERIS, 26, utility, came up through the junior ranks of South Melbourne Hellas, where he made his senior debut at the age of 18 in 1970. Represented Victoria as a junior. Joined Hakoah this year and has since made eight league appearances and scored one goal.



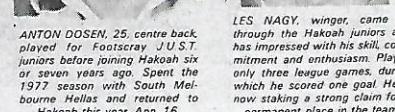
GRAHAM FRENCH, 23, striker, played in England for Leicester and Birmingham reserves. Joined Moorabbin Park in 1976 and was top scorer in the State League that year. South Melbourne Hellas bought him in 1977 for \$10,000 and he switched to Hakoah this year for about \$6000. Played 19 games this year and scored five league goals. Has represented Victoria three times. Pictured scoring against George Cross.



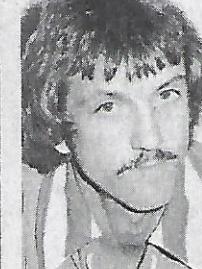
MIKE CLAREY, 30, striker, played amateur soccer in England, came to Australia in 1969. Since then he has scored 96 league goals. Clarey was top scorer in the league in 1970 and joined Hakoah in 1972. Spent the 1976 and 1977 seasons with Moorabbin Park. This year he played 21 league games and was Hakoah's top scorer with 14 goals. Has played one State game. Pictured in action against Col Bennett of Brisbane Lions.



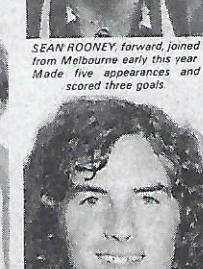
ANTON DOSEN, 25, centre back, played for Footscray J.U.S.T. juniors before joining Hakoah six or seven years ago. Spent the 1977 season with South Melbourne Hellas and returned to Hakoah this year. App. 16.



LES NAGY, winger, came up through the Hakoah juniors and has impressed with his skill, commitment and enthusiasm. Played only three league games, during which he scored one goal. He is now staking a strong claim for a permanent place in the team.



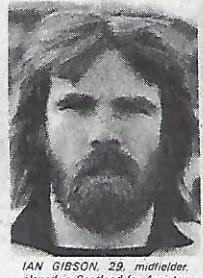
STEVE GADSBY, midfielder, joined Hakoah from Sandringham City about nine years ago and, after Baker, is the longest-serving player in the club. Has been in the State squad. Made 11 league appearances this year, including four as a reserve.



GERRY EDMONDSON, forward, transferred from Western Australia in 1975. Had a cartilage operation this year but is on the road to recovery.



FRANK MICIC, coach, probably Victoria's all-time greatest player. Micic represented Victoria more often than anyone else during his 17 years with Footscray J.U.S.T. Also represented Australia 11 times and spent one season with South Melbourne Hellas. Made three appearances as a substitute this year.



IAN GIBSON, 29, midfielder, played in Scotland for Arbroath Rangers. Joined Fitzroy-Alexander in 1973 and was the team's top scorer with 12 goals that year. Transferred to Hellas along with Jack Reilly for a total of \$7000 at the start of 1977, and joined Hakoah this year. Has had five State games. League appearances this year 19, goals: 4.



SEAN ROONEY, forward, joined from Melbourne early this year. Made five appearances and scored three goals.

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—It's a winner

Graeme Norris: the man they love to hate

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide striker Graeme Norris and Yankees baseball star Reggie Jackson have something in common.

Last year Jackson, a powerful Negro batter, was heckled for most of the season by Yankee fans.

Jackson could do little right but the heckling stopped last September when he thumped the ball outside Yankee stadium for four home runs to clinch the World Series for the New York club.

The comparison for Norris is that the lithe striker was given a hard time by West Adelaide fans for most of the year.

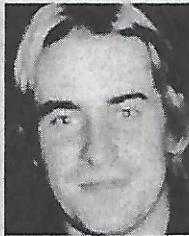
After scoring in his first match for the club, Norris experienced some lean times and for a while his future clouded.

Eventually he came back, but the good times were a few weeks in coming.

Norris started to redeem himself on May 28 when he scored a great goal against Adelaide City in West's 2-1 win.

Norris scored again in the final minute against Canberra and the fans were beginning to cheer him for the first time of the season.

If the fans still had any doubts about his talents, Norris quickly erased them against Marconi on July 30 in the match which ended the Italian club's title hopes.



Graeme Norris
"bad boy"

Marconi had led 1-0 with a Bertie Mariani goal after six minutes but 15 minutes later Norris scored brilliantly.

Dave Pillans won a high ball and nodded it down to Norris who took one step before unleashing a piledriver which Allan Maher did not see.

Four weeks later Norris showed another side to his goal-scoring talents against his old club, Western Suburbs.

The ball was floated low to the near post and Norris virtually got on his knees to scoop it into the net with a deft header.

West beat Suburbs 2-0 and took a giant step towards the crown.

Norris ended the season with five goals, two behind irrepressible winger Ian McGregor, and although he was not on the field when Vic Bozanic equalised against Adelaide City in the last game to clinch the title, West would certainly not have achieved the championship without Norris.

On the other hand, without the inspired performances of several other players including goalie Marty Crook, Peter Boyle and Neil McGachey, West would have also failed.

Indeed, the strength of West Adelaide's performances depended on team effort.

Every player, excepting Crook, scored during the season — and that is a tribute to West's team spirit.

There were weaknesses in the team but only occasionally were they exploited by the opposition.

At the end West's biggest headache was lack of quality reserves and that was clearly illustrated against Hakoah in the top four match when they were depleted with injuries and suspension.

Quality reserves will be an absolute necessity if West are to launch a serious challenge for next year's PSL title.



Graeme Norris (third from left) in action for West Adelaide against South Melbourne. From left: Frank Munro, Jack Reilly, Norris, Dave Pillans, Stuart Baxter. On ground: Ian McGregor.

Neale, Laszlo to go but most Lions stay on

By
BRUCE
WADDELL

Indications are that the Brisbane Lions team which contests the 1979 Philips League season will be almost identical to the side which performed reasonably consistently this year to wind up in equal fifth place on points with Fitzroy.

Even at this early stage, secretary Simon Boegheim reports that the bulk of Lions' key players have already resigned for the coming relegation' season.

They include goalkeeper Nigel Lowndes, defenders Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett and Alan Niven. Lions' hopes of keeping their entire defence intact is contingent on an agreement being reached between the club and this year's skipper George Potter.

Potter announced recently he was returning to England in the off season but would definitely return and hoped to play for another club in the League. Early problems with the contract, according to Mr Boegheim, have been settled and there are now only minor hurdles with Potter.

Other definite starters for 1979 are experienced midfielder Eddie Spearritt, whose injury late in the season had a big effect on the club missing a final four position, winger Paul Ongton and striker or midfielder Alan Hughes.

Hughes, at first thought to be one of the club's losses, was the team's leading goalscorer this year and is playing during the off season in Hong Kong before coming back to Lions.

Steve Amos and Barrie Fairbrother, who with Ongton joined Lions at the beginning of 1978, have not yet signed but are expected to do so in the immediate future.



Brisbane Lions midfielder John Neale (right) is tackled from behind by South Melbourne's Billy Rogers. Neale is returning to Britain.

players but will concentrate on their own big crop of juniors and some promising players from "sister" clubs Mt Gravatt, Southside Eagles and Ipswich United. A few already have had end-of-season try-outs.

Applications for the coaching position close on October 16. Gyula Vincze, the man who replaced Brian Daykin after only one game this year and did very well, is an applicant again. Mr Boegheim would not disclose other starters but said the club had received some "interesting" nominations.

The other problem left for the club to sort out is where they will play their matches next season. Lions agreed to play their League games at Perry Park for the first three years of the competition, but after suffering heavy losses this year, want to return to their headquarters at Richlands, an outer Brisbane western suburb.

The club and the Queensland Soccer Federation are at loggerheads over the situation as the QSF says it will have no option but to play next year's inaugural State League matches in opposition to Lions, if they go back to Richlands.

It is expected the Australian Soccer Federation, which is acting as an arbiter, will soon make an announcement about the club's fate. Lions are confident their attempt to move back home will be successful.

Geoff Morris, the little winger who was Lions' chief striker in the first year of the League, wants to stay on but everything is dependent on his health. Morris suffers from asthma, a condition which severely restricted his appearances in the first team this season.

Two more retained players are local club products, midfielders Johnny Ogden and Graham Wilson, who played in a few matches during 1978. Ogden was selected in the initial under 19 national squad.

The definite losses appear to be midfielder John Neale, striker Paul Laszlo and goalkeeper Roddy McKenzie.

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Experienced midfielder Eddy Spearritt (left) will stay with Lions next year. He's pictured in action against Chris Kent of South Melbourne.



Ouch! Geoff Morris kicks St. George's Brendan Grosse as well as the ball. Morris' future with Lions is in doubt, as he suffers from asthma.

Surfer's team strong in new State League

By BRUCE WADDELL

Queensland's inaugural State League line-up has been completed and although the local federation is still seeking a sponsor, the league will definitely get underway in March next year.

To compensate for the absence of a sponsor, each of the 10 clubs has had to provide a stake of \$10,000 to cover the estimated running cost during the first season of \$100,000.

Unlike State Leagues elsewhere the Queensland competition involves teams throughout the state stretching from the Gold Coast in the south to Mareeba in the north.

There are five teams from the Brisbane metropolitan area and surrounds. These clubs finished the 1978 season in the top five positions in the first division. They are, Southside Eagles (who won the premiership, Amool Cup and grand final), St. George Souths, Ipswich United, Mt. Gravatt and Grange Thistle.

Ipswich United is actually a combination of St. Helens, Coalstars and Booval Star and in this competition will be regarded as a pretty side, as Ipswich is situated 40 km to the south west of Brisbane.

The Gold Coast club has tremendous crowd potential because of its situation in the mammoth tourist area.

Apparently it is the best prepared of all entrants, with a company already formed to run the club's business.

The remaining four entrants, all from north of Brisbane, are Across The Waves from Bundaberg, Frenchville from Rockhampton, Townsville United

and Mareeba United. Mareeba was the last to qualify, after replacing the previously accepted Mackay Lions.

The new League is expected to have its biggest success rate in the country centres, where it is anticipated entire communities will get right behind their respective teams in the same way supported from Newcastle United and Canberra City have done in the Philips League.

Brisbane's clubs in the League have varying backgrounds. Eagles, who almost upset Hakoah in the first round of the Philips Cup this year, have a German background, naturally playing under the name of Germania before national names in Queensland were abolished in 1973.

St. George is the former Hellenic and hopes to revive its big Greek following of the 1960's by amalgamating with lower division club Olympic. The new name in the League would then be Brisbane Olympic.

Mt. Gravatt has a local background, and is named after a southern suburb while Grange Thistle, as the name applies, was traditionally a Scottish club but added the front part to associate with a suburb of the same name.

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Anglo-Latin mix is difficult



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The controversy over the wisdom of introducing South American players to the tough English league is continuing, with the anti-argument appearing to be winning at present.

This is because of the lowly positions in the league tables of First Division Tottenham and Second Division Sheffield United both of whom have recruited Latin players.

Tottenham started their season with a bang with the introduction of Argentinian World Cup stars **Osvaldo Ardiles** and **Ricardo Villa**, but their results have gone a little sour recently and they now stand below half-way on the First Division championship table.

Sheffield are fifth from the bottom on the Second Division.

Sheffield United has a first team coach, **Danny Bergara** from Uruguay, a youth team coach, **Oscar Arce**, from Argentina and a player, **Alejandro Sabella** from Brazil.

The anti-Latin argument in England is two-fold to protect jobs for locals and the typical negative response to change.

I am a big supporter of the introduction of new skills to English soccer and it was pleasing to see England's manager **Ron Greenwood** say they must be for the long term, good for the game.

Whether the introduction of Latins in the short term will help the careers of **Keith Burkinshaw**, Tottenham's manager, or the Sheffield administration is debatable.

A manager must get results in the short term.

Latin players will find it hard initially to fit into the rugged English style, especially as the winter weather becomes equally rugged.

Even here in Australia Latin players have found their playing style does not always dovetail into that of the Australian and British players even though the Australian ground conditions are similar to what they experience back home.



Coach Cesar Luis Menotti — he added aggression to Argentina's game

Ardiles, who plays a simple, neat interpassing midfield game, is in the Tottenham mould and he seems to be performing better than **Villa** who is a ball artist and striker.

APIA's Argentine player, **Horacio Ruiz**, assured me recently that **Villa** will be able to take the English conditions because he is very strong.

Ruiz himself has found it hard to adapt to the playing styles and personalities of many of APIA's Scottish, English and Australian players.

The Anglo-Saxon approach places a big emphasis on effort, aggression and teamwork, whereas the Latin cherishes skill and individual flair over all else.

The major achievement of the Argentine World Cup coach **Cesar Luis Menotti**, was to bring sustained effort, aggression and teamwork to the World Cup team that lifted the Jules Rimet trophy.

In Australia many Latin players are ostracised by Anglo-Saxon teammates who feel that no-one should be excused from working hard for the team.

In many cases the disillusioned Latin returns home prematurely.

St. George BSC's **Carlos Mendez** is just one of many Latin players who have experienced the above syndrome with its painful sequel.

Coaches like **Raul Blanco** (Melita Eagles) and **Gerry Chaldi** (Hakoah) who have based their teams' styles on relaxed short passing, have been able to assimilate Latin players well into their teams.



Argentina's Osvaldo Ardiles (on the ground) now with Tottenham Hotspur, pictured during the World Cup match against Holland. At left are Arie Haan and Johan Neeskens

Springvale to meet State All-Stars

The Mayor of Springvale, Cr Bob Luxford, last weekend officially opened Springvale City soccer club's new \$46,000 club rooms.

The rooms, built at Ross Reserve, will be christened in style this

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Brian Stoddart: We'll have to weight and see

Canberra City signed its leading midfielder Brian Stoddart to a new two-year contract this week.

Stoddart, who came to Australia as South Africa's leading scorer, has found his proper niche in the centre of City's midfield and it is in that position that we intend to use Stoddart next season.

Venglos lends a hand

Thanks to the sponsorship of Charlie De Angelis' Summerland Travel and Canberra City, I left Australia last week for a seven-week study tour.

The aim of my trip is threefold — to study promotional techniques, marketing structures and organisational methods in the United States.

I will be spending one week with the Tampa Bay Rowdies and another with the New York Cosmos.

Both clubs have been more than helpful in arranging my trip.

In Europe I believe I have a tremendous opportunity to learn the latest coaching methods and trends by spending two weeks with the Czechoslovakian national team.

The Czech national coach is of course **Joe Venglos**, our former national coach and Prague FC coach in Sydney.

Joe is arranging for me to spend two weeks in Czechoslovakia in the Czech training camp as they prepare for their international match against Italy in Bratislava on November 8.

The last three weeks will be spent in the United Kingdom to again have a look at club structures, training methods and to sign perhaps two key players for Canberra City.

I feel the trip will be of tremendous benefit to Canberra City and of course to myself.

It is an educational tour which all managers in the PSL like to have annually as it gives the manager a chance to update his methods and thinking about the game.

Canberra City's promotional efforts this year were the best in the PSL and hopefully with some new ideas from the United States we will be able to improve even more on those efforts next year.

In between my official commitments to Canberra City I will take time to run a coaching clinic for schoolchildren in Fiji.

Fijian soccer has enormous potential and the school, which runs for three days in Nadi, will be sponsored by local businessmen.



Brian Stoddart — his contract will be cancelled if he doesn't lose a stone and a half in weight.



Jimmy Cant — on the transfer list at \$4000.

Sunday when a Victorian All Star team will play Springvale.

The All Stars will include Lou Kastner (former George Cross, now Kelor Austria goalkeeper), Pat Bannon (1974 Rothmans Medal winner, and captain of Fitzroy).

The official opening of the rooms coincided with the City of Springvale Challenge Shield, which was won by Springvale.

Competing with the host club was Bosch Dynamo, Keysborough and Pegasus.

In the penalty showdown, Pegasus went down 6-7, giving victory to the host club.

The semi-final results were: Pegasus 3, Bosch, Dynamo 0, Springvale 5, Keysborough 1.

In the final, Pegasus surprised Springvale with its determination and vigour, and took a 1-0 lead in the first half.

But Frank Beard of Springvale levelled the scores after a goal-mouth scramble and took a 1-0 lead in the second half with a penalty goal.

But once again Springvale pulled back a goal, minutes before the end of the second half of extra time.

Don Lawler, the former George Cross forward, lashed home a 30-metre shot to save face for First Division Springvale.

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The Mayor presented the trophy to Vale captain David Christians.



Former national captain John Warren



Ian Heywood — he's bought out his own contract

I have had more than my share of problems with Stoddart since his arrival but there is no doubt in my mind that the PSL is yet to see the best of him.

His second half of the season with City showed that he has qualities desperately needed in City's basically immature team and with his weight fully controlled next season I believe he will realise his undoubted potential.

In other Canberra player news, young striker Terry Byrne has moved to England off the transfer list — also with permission to play.

City keeper Ron Tilsed

has been placed on the transfer market at \$8,000, mid-fielder Jimmo Cant at \$4,000 and young forward Ian Heywood has bought out his own contract.

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A crowd of 16,000 watched South Melbourne and Fitzroy draw 1-1 in the first half of the PSL season. Fitzroy's goal was scored by Gary Cole (inset) against South Melbourne goalkeeper John Hansen.



Sydney Croatia playing-coach Attila Abonyi is tackled by Newcastle's Craig Mason in their Philips Cup match. Newcastle won to advance to the quarter-finals.



Canberra defender John Brown gets a guard of honor before the match against West Adelaide at Bruce Stadium. Brown, a solid club-man, played every match last season but missed games this year due to a broken arm.



Victorian State League Cup action — George Cross mid-fielder Billy Wilkinson gets Ante Bilaver's stops in his shin in a game against Essendon Croatia.



Keith Schumann with the 1978 NSW Ampol Cup which Sutherland won by beating Melita Eagles in the final.



George Campbell (No. 16) hugs team mate Billy Rogers who has just scored against Fitzroy. Bertie Lutton (right) is also moving in to congratulate Rogers. Unfortunately for South Melbourne, Fitzroy went on to win 4-1.



Pictured at the Australian Soccer Press Association awards — Sydney Olympic president John Constantine who has made his presence felt as a top administrator.



Agenor Muniz (left) and John Perin of Adelaide City go through an unusual training ritual before the Philips Cup final against Brisbane City at Perry Park. Brisbane City won the Cup for the second successive year.



Three Avela players at the NSW Rothmans Medal dinner, from left: Eddie Patterson, Alex Gray, Mark Brown.



Confrontation between Newcastle's Bob Mountford (left) and Canberra goalkeeper David Lindenmayer.

IN PICTURES



Brisbane City beat Footscray J.U.S.T. 3-0 in the second round of the season, with goals by Gaffney, Echeverria and Caldwell. In this picture, a shot by Alan Marley (left) is well covered by J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Mike O'Hara. In the background, from left are: Zoran Ilioski, Kevin Caldwell, Jim Kondaros.



Ernie Brandts (left) gets a hug from Arie Haan after scoring two goals in Holland's 2-1 win over Italy — one for his own team and one for Italy. Haan scored the other, to put Holland into the World Cup final.



Dundee striker Billy Pirie, who later played guest games with Sydney Olympic, gets past George Potter in the Scottish team's 1-0 victory over Queensland. Dundee lost its games against Newcastle KB Utd. and Victoria.



Leopoldo Luque acknowledges the cheers from the crowd after having scored Argentina's sixth goal against Peru in the World Cup finals. At left is embattled Peruvian goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga.



Former New Zealand international Alan Marley (left) in action for Brisbane City against Marconi's Peter Brogan. Marley disappeared from the Brisbane City team halfway through the season.



Former West Australian striker George McMillan — switched from Essendon Croatia early this year and won Preston-Makedonia's 1978 best and fairest award.



Essendon Croatia's Tommy Cumming, winner of the 1978 Victorian Rothmans Medal, is congratulated by Prime Minister Fraser. In the middle is VSF president Theo Marmaras.

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JUGO - KUP U GEELONGU
U Geelongu su prošle subote odigrane četvrt-finale utakmice probnog Kupa za jugoslovenske klupove u Viktoriju. Uspeh je bio neочекivan. Poseta vole dobra.

Odgriane su slijedeće utakmice:

J.U.S.T./Norlane - Northern Suburbs 2:1 (1:1). Zamisljiva utakmica dva ravnopravna tima.

Pobjednik je iskusniji sastav. Svojim usporedenjem Zoran Babic i Dean Friend.

INTER/Williamstown - PE-

LISTER/Pasco Vale 7:1 (2:1).

Pelister je počeo velo dobro, dok je poveo sa 1:0 preko Mirka Dzankovskog, ali je posle 15 minuta bio umorna i razbijena vojska. Da je ozbiljnije igrao, Inter je lako mogao da postigne dvocifrenu pobjedu. Strelići za INTER: Dragan Pantic 5, Zvonko Bartol i Miroslav Milosevic i jedan drugi.

JEDINSTVO/Springvale -

LAVALBEN 5:1 (2:1). Mak-

donski klub iz Geelonga igraje je mnogo bolje nego što visoki poraz to pokazuje. Sva razlike je bila u analiziranju pred golom.

Jedinstvo je bilo agresivnije.

Navalni igraci su surivali iz svake pozicije, dok su napadaci Lovilbenka hteli da se usetaju sa

loptom u gol. To je bilo ne-

moguce jer je golman Jedinstva branič odicno. Strelići:

Milan Stojilovic 2, Miroslav Culibrik, Dragan Savic i Zlatko Kain, po jedan za jedinstvo, Cane Stojanovski 1 za Lovilbenku.

J.U.S.T./Melbourne "B" -

Tarax 3:1 (1:0). Tarax je bio

pojačan sa Mirkom Rujevićem i Romanom Petelinicom, a drugi tim JUST-a sa Mendorom Ristovskim i Josipom Plićanom.

Pored toga treba znati da je ve-

erana Tarax ovo bio druga

utakmica u kojoj je igrao i

zastupnik prvenstvenog utakmici

protiv Spqrni Viskera, koji su

pregazili sa 8:1, sto im je po-

moglo da zauzmu drugo mesto

'World Cup' at Doveton

Doveton (Vic) is running a Gala Day this Sunday (October 29) which will include a mini 'World Cup' series.

Scotland, England, Australia and the Rest of the World will be represented in both senior and junior categories.

The Gala Day, which is run annually, will take place at the club's home ground, Waratah Reserve.

Admittance is free, and there will be canteen and barbecue facilities.

The highlight of the day's entertainment could well be the Doveton ladies team's match against the Doveton Old Boys.

Last season the Old Boys suffered an embarrassing defeat by the ladies and will cast aside their walking sticks, wheelchair and hearing aids to seek revenge.

u prvoj industrijskoj ligi. Strelići: Ibro Hadžibabic 3, Milos Adamovic, Barry Davis, Stevan Kosovac, Dragan Pantic i Toby Ross po jedan. Iako umorni veterani Taraxa su imali vise od igre i protiv JUST-a. Popustili su zadnjih 10 minuta kada ih je mladost pobediti. Strelići za JUST: Dusko Atanasovski 2, Mendo Ristovski za JUST, Ibro Hadžibabic za Tarax.

Pored tih dve JUGO-e u Geelongu igraju se 11 i 12 godišnjici. Izvuknuti su slijedeći parovi za polufinalne: INTER v JUST/Melbourne, JEDINSTVO v JUST iz Geelonga. Finalna utakmica će se odigra u subotu 18. novembra.

TURNER U ALTONI

Uspeli turnir koji je organizovan ILINDEN iz Altoni, završen je prosle subote. U prvom polufinalu sastali su se ILINDEN i VOJVODINA. Poslije zvoga izvodjene utakmice, koju je organizirala sa rezultatom 1:1, Strelići za ILINDEN bio je Mladenovski u drugom poluvremenu, dok je VOJVODINA postigla gol u prvom delu igre. Pristupilo se izvodjenju jedanaestercata da bi se dobio pobednik. Svaki tim je srušio po pet puta sa bele takice. VOJVODINA je pobedila sa 5:4, jer je Matovski iz ILINDENA promisao gol.

U drugu polufinalnu utakmicu između Centralne Altone i Varvara su uvrstili se nesuglasni.

Na polufinalu Centralne Altone je trebao da igra Split, ali je ovaj klub u vreme oktakso, pa je novoosnovani klub Vardar uzet kao zamena. Centralna Altona je pobedila boljim izvodjenjem jedanaestercata sa 6:5.

U finalu je CENTRAL ALTONA pobedila VOJVODINU sa 3:2 (0:1). Bilo je to prava finalna utakmica u vremenu. Uzvratni meč u Centralnoj Altoni, u kojem je Vardar u sjetnji tim Strelići za Central Altoni: Miceski, Marković i Glevski.

CENTRAL ALTONA obaveštava sve svoje članove i navijače da će održati godišnju skupština u subotu 28. oktobra u prostorijama makedonske paravlasavice crkve Sv. Iliju u Footscrayu. Pocetak u 2 sata po podne.

TURNIR NA IZLETU

Na izletu jugoslovenskog dravista "Bosna" Hercegovina, koji se održao u Srbiji u junu 29. oktobra, na sportskom igralištu u Ljiljanu, održane se brozopozitni nogometni turniri osam nasih klubova. Utakmice trajaju po 40 minuta (2x20 minuta). Raspored je sledeći:

11 am. Springvale — Lovebank

11.45 am. Vojvodina — J.U.S.T./Melbourne

12.30 pm. Tarax — Inter

1.15 pm. Pelister — J.U.S.T./Geelong

Uprava polufinalne utakmice između Vardnika pove i treće utakmice pocinje u 2 sata po podne, a druga između pobednika druge i cetvrtne utakmice u 2.45. Finalna utakmica pocinje u 3.30 po pdne i traje 70 minuta (2 x 35 minuta).

Georgie claims 'disturbing'

George Cross public relations officer Charlie Cutajar has written to 'Soccer Action' to clarify the situation regarding the forthcoming elections within the club to find a new president.

He writes:

"In recent weeks, one of our club members, who is in the running for the presidency, has made claims in the media which are disturbing to George Cross."

"The person in question has talked about the club having a poor administration, and this has upset the coach, the manager, the players and supporters."

"We're not saying that we have the best administration around, but the allegations aren't correct. The club has a responsible set of administrators and this is proved by our success on the field over the past two seasons."

"The nominees for the presidency resigned from our committee earlier this year but has since revealed confidential information to the press and spoken harshly of the club."

"What's more disturbing is this man's boast that he could find the club a home ground if elected president. But why then did not the former committee member help them get the ground when he was on the committee?"

"He's given George Cross a bad name in the Press by what he's talked. If this man spreads bad news about the club, doesn't help when he knows he can and resigns a position he was elected to only months earlier, should he be given the responsibility of the presidency?"

"George Cross has become a working unit this season, which is a credit to all sections of the club. We only hope this togetherness will continue in years to come."

— yours sincerely, Charlie Cutajar.

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Steve scores 103!

It's not often that a soccer player scores more than 100 goals in a season.

That's been the achievement of Steve Gojevic this year.

Steve notched 103 goals for Essendon Croatia under 13s.

As a result, Essendon went through the season undefeated, scoring 116 goals to two in 16 matches.

The team also reached the Cup quarter-finals, scoring 36 goals to two in the process.

Apart from Gojevic, another star of the team was D. Dacic.

The team, pictured above, is back row from left: M. Martinac (coach), J. Demerdic, T. Babic, A. Karulja, A. Karusic, S. Bacak, S. Gojevic, Front: D. Dacic, R. Vrancic, I. Culina, M. Grgic, I. Marusic, G. Poccio.

Steve Gojevic

Lions bared their claws

Down Dandenong way 1978 will go down as the year of the Lions — Lyndale Lions, that is.

In only their second year, the boys of Lyndale United 12s have won the Dandenong B league, scoring 84 goals to 13.

Their record for the year was: won 16, lost one and drew one.

All the results: Nunawading 3-0, 2-2; Mulgrave

3-1, 0-1; Mitcham 5-3, 3-0; Ringwood 9-0, 8-1;

Clarendon 1-2, 4-1; Doncaster 4-1, 3-0; Boronia

2-2, 5-0; Springvale 12-0, 4-0; Caulfield 5-2, 5-1.

They also had a good run in the J.L.M.C. Cup, beating Ajax 2-0, Melton 6-1 and Clifton Hill on penalties.

They finally lost 0-1 to Altona A in a very tough game.

Top goalscorers for the team were George Brown 27; Ralph Renison 23, and Michael Wright 13.

The team can't wait for next season to start and prove they are the best under 13 side in the Dandenong region.

The team is: M. Wright, R. Pearce, N. Karamonti, S. Attala (capt), J. Sgarlato, R. Renison, J. Storos, Front row: J. Galovic, P. McMillan, C. McBride, I. Galovic, G. Brown and R. Menagatti.



Ace defenders



The three boys in this photo formed the backbone of the Preston under 14 defence which conceded only 12 goals in helping to win the championship.

The boys, pictured with their coach John Kalinovic, are, from left: Bill Atanasovski, Mike Nitson, and Boggie Karevski.



Mooroolbark Under 12A team has had another successful year.

They boys have been league winners two years running. They are also winners of the Governor's Trophy (Box Hill under 12 competition), J.L.M.C. Cup winners, 1977 and runners-up, 1978.

FRONT ROW left to right Robert Ireson, Simon Cowley, David Klepac, David Miller, John Michalewski, Nick Van Eppendorf.

SECOND ROW Neil Wallace, Mark Woods, Ian Parker, Adam Harrington, Scott McKenzie, Nicholas Crook, Mark Edmonds.

REAR: Bob Edmonds, Bill Miller.



Polonia v Ardeer the highlight

The duel between Polonia and Ardeer promises to be the highlight of the 15th Polish Sports Festival at the Lara Recreation Reserve near Geelong on Sunday, February 25.

Both are Polish clubs and both play in the Victorian First Division. Ardeer won their first league match this year and the second was drawn 1-1.

The Polish Festival's manager is former Polonia player Andrew Czarkasik. Former Polonia team manager Karol Mierzwa is in charge of the soccer competition.

The public relations officer of the festival, Mr Tom Ostrowski, a former secretary of Polonia, says 5000 people are expected to attend.

About 500 competitors will take part in a wide range of sporting events, including athletics, table tennis and volleyball in all age groups.

VIPs at the festival will include the Premier, Mr Hawke, the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Mr Jones and probably the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Mr Dixon.

Chairman of the organising committee for the festival is Mr Peter Koziel.

Brushed off

Victorian First division club Dandenong City, which is fighting to get a new ground for the 1979 season, has been given the cold shoulder by Dandenong Council.

The council has decided to defer a decision on the club's application for new headquarters, but observers agree that the council doesn't intend to grant Dandenong's request.

The club, which is 25 years old, wants to move from Booth Reserve to Greaves Reserve, but Cr Ray Reed, while supporting Dandenong City's moves, said: "It's quite obvious to me that the two pitches on Greaves Reserve will be lost to the Dandenong City soccer club."

He went on to describe Booth Reserve as "more suitable to water polo after a bit of rainfall."

Dandenong City may have to settle for a ground at Police Paddocks, but would still like the use of Greaves Reserve for its junior section if the senior body is refused permission to use the pitch.

Pegasus again!

This is the Pegasus team that has won the Victorian Industrial League first Division championship for the second year in a row.

Once again, Pegasus lost only one league match. Last week the team took on a select team in Muldura and won 1-0.

Pictured, from left, standing: W. Ovcar, C. Victor, S. Ostrognaj, R.

Harris (vice-capt), D. Kurjan (coach), L. Pavolic, S. Sablik, E. Holbrook (secretary-manager). Front: M. Placko (1978 best and fairest), R. Petelinik, J. Mori (capt), A. Placko, A. Taylor, C. Payet, Z. Curley.

Η ΑΣΦΑΛΕΙΑ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΙΚΤΩΝ.

Η ασφάλεια των παικτών σ' ένα σύλλογο ποδοσφαιρικό είναι βασικός παράγοντας. Άσκημ και μια μικρή όμάδα μπορεί να ασφαλίσει τους παικτές της οι οποίοι κινδυνεύουν να κτυπήσουν όχι μόνο στην πρόσθηκαν άλλα και σ' ένα άγνων.

Άλλη μπορεί γιατί οι περισσότεροι μικροί σύλλογοι απορεύονται την ασφάλεια σαν τον "διάβολο που το λιθάνει" και ονταν σύνταξας για κάτι τέτοιο, συμβουλού πού δεν γνωρίζουν πώς θέλαναν το πόστο που κρατάνε (μάλλον κατά λάθος) σους αλλάζονταν κονθένται και σου μίλων για τόν παρόν!

Σημειώνω πώς μια ασφάλεια σ' ένα σωματείο κονθένται άλλα ποιά είναι η αστήριδη άσκηση.

Οπωνεπούτε άνας ποδοσφαιριστής είναι ασφαλέμένος αντονούνται και ασφαλίσεις ο σύλλογος γιατί αν κάποιος κτυπήσει και μείνει έξω από την δουλειά του, τότε άναλαμβάνει η ασφάλεια.

Ετοιμα κατένας οι ποδοσφαιριστές έχουν πρόσωπο καθαρό και ο ποδοσφαιριστής δεν βγαίνει χαμένος. Εκτός αυτού δεν του έπειται να έχει τό παραίσκο παραπονού πάντα για την όμαδα του αφού προκαταβαλλικά τον φροντίζει.

Ας έλθουμε όμως στην αντίθετη περίπτωση όταν ένας παικτής τραυματίζεται και αναγκαστικά μετείστρεψε σε έγγειρο ή παραίσκο παραπονού πάντα για την όμαδα του αφού προκαταβαλλικά τον φροντίζει.

Δυντυχώς εκεί τα πράγματα μπλέκονται και μάλιστα πολύ.

Ο παικτής ζητάει τέλος έξοδο για τα πληρώσεις ή όμαδα του.

Τό νοσοκομείο ζητάει τέλος έξοδο για την πελάγωνταν και καταρεύονταν στα μάρτυρες και σε διάρρεες έκδηλωσες με σκοπό να συγκρατώσουν ένα. Α ποσού για να καλύψουν τήν περίπτωση.

Μοριάτα λοιστόν δημιουργούνται προβλήματα και μάλιστα μεγάλα.

Δύναται από δώδεκα λόγια από κει και ουδίς μηδὲν ένων παράλληλα γίνεται τό κακό στον σύλλογο χωρίς οι υπεύθυνοι νέο το καταλάβουν.

Και το ασύρμα είναι πως η όμαδα παίρνει τό "κακό" όνομα ανάμεσα στους ποδοσφαιριστές.

"Τι, απέται λέσ, νά πάνω σ' αυτήν την όμαδα θέλατε πού ού τάδε κτυπήσει και δεν τον έδωσαν πεντάρα."

"Έγω προτιμώ την Α όμαδα γιατί έχει ασφάλεια. Που έρεις και μια φορά αν κτυπήσου, τι γίνεται μετά?"

Είναι γεγονός λοιστών και μάλιστα άναμφιβολίτη πως ένας ποδοσφαιριστής τά σκέπτεται όλα και καλεί και μάς και οι παραγόντες δεν σκέπτονται πού σωστά.

Γιατί το Α και το Ω σ' ένα σωματείο -ή βάση θά μπορώνας νά πά- είναι η ασφάλεια των παικτών.

Και ίντερα θά ήταν νά βλέπανται οι ποδοσφαιριστές πιο λίγα "τσούπα" και "κάνες" στις διάφορες έκδηλωσεις του συλλόγου τους και νά ήταν ασφαλισμένοι.

Πάρα πολλές περιπτώσεις αύτού του είδους έχουν πέσει στην αντίληψη μου και οι περισσότερες λύνονται από τους παραγόντες με τους γενεράνους που ανέρευν.

Τό έχω ακόμη αμέτρητες φορές το τροπάριο όταν ποτάν έναν υπεύθυνο συλλόγου αν έχουν ασφάλεια στους παικτές;

"Αν κτυπήσει κανένας θά βάλουμε όλοι μαζί από κάτι."

-Ναι άλλα από αύτο το "κάτι" δεν είναι άρκετο τι γίνεται.

Νέα περίπτωση μού έτοιμης έπανω στό θέμα αύτο και προ το παρόν θά προσπεύσουμε νά μη την αντέφερο για πολλούς λόγους. Άλλωστε η σητή δεν έχει πρόθεση νά πυκνώνει κανένα σύλλογο και νά τον έκθετε.

Απλούστατα όμως δέν είναι δυνατόν νά αναφέρει πάντα τις επιτήσεις αλλά είναι αναγκασμένη νά βγάζεται στη δημοσιότητα και τις απότυχες όταν χρειάζονται.

Και για μένα όταν ένας σύλλογος δέν έχει ασφάλεια στους παικτές του. Οταν δέν είναι κατοχυρωμένος.

Όταν οι παραγόντες δέν κυτήσουν λιγό πιο μακριά και νά μαντέψουν πρώτα τις κακές μέρες και μετά τις ήλιωσουστε...

Για μένα επαναλαμβάνωνται είναι απότομημένος...!

... Άλλα θά έπανελθω στό θέμα αύτο και τάλι...

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Kosmina gets chance but Hajduk too good

LONDON — Despite Arsenal's 2-1 defeat by Hajduk Split in the UEFA Cup, Australian John Kosmina acquitted himself well, his team manager said.

Kosmina, 22, called into injury-stricken Arsenal at the last minute. Couldn't have worked harder or more.

However, Kosmina injured an ankle in the game.

Before the match against the Yugoslav side on the Dalmatian coast, Kosmina had played only 20 minutes of top standard soccer.

He admitted his selection in place of the injured Alan Sunderland was a surprise, but was up at dawn waiting for his chance.

Manager Neil Adams said: "I know he didn't look all that marvelous. But all things considered — the injuries, the inexperience of the side, things like that — I can't have too many complaints."

"John Kosmina was playing his first game for us and Mark Heeley got his first real taste of Europe."

The pair of them couldn't have worked harder, and it's no disrespect to them to say if we'd had Sunderland and Malcolm McDonald we'd have been off that team tonight."

Nottingham Forest, aiming to keep the European Champions title in English hands for the third year in succession, scored a 2-1 win over AEK Athens in Greece for an almost certain place in the quarter-finals.

The second-round first-leg clash saw explosive affair and Aiera, AEK's South American mid-fielder, was sent off in the 23rd minute for punching Scot-

tish World Cup defender Kenny Burns.

Six-time champion Real Madrid beat Swiss part-timers Grasshoppers Zurich 3-1 with goals from Juanito, Garcia and Hernandez. Suárez replied for Grasshoppers.

Austria Vienna also gained a comfortable home win with a 4-0 win against Utrecht of Norway.

A 58th minute goal from West German international Herbert Zimmerman enabled FC Cologne to edge Lokomotiv Sofia 1-0 in Bulgaria.

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Ageless Watkiss certain of replay win

By ALEX VESIC

An inspired Sutherland Shire led by an ageless John Watkiss, staged a remarkable comeback in the second half of the Grand Final at Wentworth Park to draw level and force a replay against Croatia.

Watkiss, the press writer's choice as the man of the match, was full of confidence about the replay: "We would prefer to play them at Endeavour Field, but I am sure that we will win, irrespective of the venue."

He certainly has the right to feel confident, for his team gave one of the finest displays seen at Wentworth Park, completely overwhelming Croatia in the second half and coming within an inch of winning the Grand Final in extra time.

However, Sutherland had to battle for survival in the first half, when everything seemed to point to an easy win for Croatia. With

the exception of a terrible miss by Jim Butterfield in the third minute, Sutherland was not allowed to venture too often towards Watkiss's goal.

A one-goal difference at the end of the first half in Croatia's favour flattered Sutherland.

Maurice Sullivan had the first real chance for Croatia in the 12th minute. With his back to the goalkeeper, Sullivan received a pass from Wally Savor, but failed to control the ball, allowing the Sutherland defence to clear. It was possibly the only time during the match that the luckless Sullivan did not control the ball quickly

and the only chance he saw for 120 minutes.

In the 25th minute, after a corner, Phil Craggs missed the cross and Kevin Coleman rose high to head the ball inches over the bar from close range.

Minutes later, it was Ian Stone's turn to try to penetrate the Sutherland defence. Stone raced through two tackles, but could not beat a desperate dive by Craggs.

Coleman made amends for his earlier miss in the 38th minute. He picked up a pass 35 metres from goal, then raced ten metres before hitting a low shot towards Craggs' right hand corner.

The Sutherland goalkeeper, moving to his left, was wrong footed, but should have had enough time to turn and save. Coleman and his team mates

watched in delight as Craggs slowly fell to his right as the ball hit the net.

Croatia should have gone two up after 44 minutes but some excellent positioning by Peter Wykes prevented a score. Attili Abonyi headed towards the top left corner following a corner kick, but Wykes headed off the line, with Craggs beaten.

The second half was all Sutherland.

As early as the 4th minute of the half, Keith Schuman drove a powerful header destined for the left hand corner of Watson's goal, but the Croatia keeper made a brilliant save.

In the 54th Craig Hall picked up a long clearance from his

defence and set sails for Watson's goal. However, he was brought down by two defenders close to the penalty area. The free kick taken by Beggs, went just wide.

After an hour's play, Croatia seemed to go into a shell, desperately trying to preserve a slender one goal lead. However, its defence was soon to crack.

In the 61st minute, Mark Harrington crossed for Peter Beggs to glide the ball over the goalkeeper's arms and onto the cross bar. The ball ran just wide of Craig Hall and another chance went begging. However only 30 seconds later, Sutherland was on equal terms.

Hall's low cross from the right found Watkiss just inside the area. Watkiss ran around a defender before slotting the ball into the far corner, past the outstretched arms of keeper Watson.

In the space of a few minutes, a little less than a hurricane in blue shirts hit Croatia's defence, but failed to produce the winning goal.

Hall brought another brilliant save from Watson, then Beggs' header went inches wide of the upright with Watson well beaten.

Watkiss had a chance to seal the game in the 67th minute, when he rounded Peter Mullin with ease, but his shot sailed past the upright.

Towards the end, Sutherland seemed content to go into extra time and eased the pressure allowing Croatia to come back into the game. With eight minutes to go, Sullivan ran past two defenders then slotted the ball into the path of Abonyi, creating an easy scoring chance for the Croatia coach.

However, Abonyi was marginally offside.

Extra time produced the best chance of the game.

Watson was held a cross from the right, and Steve Medes, was on hand to pick up the loose ball, but poked a weak shot past the upright.

Croatia's frustration came to the fore in the latter stages of the game when Stone and Savor were booked for over-vigorous tackles.

For Sutherland, Watkiss went through a ton of work while Beggs was the most prominent forward.

There was a weekly prize of a sports garment from Adidas and an electrical item from Breville.

As Player of the Year, Thomson won a trip for two to Noumea, donated by David Jones of Bondi Junction.

Thomson collected only two of his 21 votes in the first 13 games, and the rest in the second half of the season.

He has returned to Scotland to check on the business he has

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 1 (Watkiss) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Coleman) A.E.T. N.S.W. Grand Final at Wentworth Park. Crowd: 9079.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 6, Hesford 7, Wykes 8, Watkiss 9, Dafford 8, Schumann 8, C. Hall 7, Meades 7, Beggs 8, Butterfield 7, Harrington 7. CROATIA: Watson 9, B. Russell 6, Cagaj 7, Mullin 8, Smith 8, Savor 7, Coleman 7, Stone 8, Abonyi 6, Russell 6, Sullivan 7.

APIA 3 (Millar, Wilson, Link) MANLY 0 Second grade Grand Final.

APIA: Evans, Walker, J. Botelico, Miller, Laws, Merrigan, Mariona, Jack Wilson, Link, A. Botelico.

MANLY: Dower, Burchett, McDougall, Doran, Symons, Moutet, Lambert, Jaye, Stuart, Britton, Beverley.

SUTHERLAND 2 (Bush, Wilson) MANLY 0 Third grade Grand Final.

SUTHERLAND: Davies, Donnelly, Harold, Williams, Schumann, Watkins, Raack, C. Rogers, Bush, W. Rogers. MANLY: Leewen, Colemen, De Saag, Reilly, Plaud, Dick, Panaleta, Fox, Chapman, Rogers, Gardiner.

ALL THE SCORES, TABLES

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STATE LEAGUE CUP. Essendon Cross 4 (Division 2, Vales won goal), Murphy, Nakah 5, Hill 6, Killeen 5. George Cross 4 (Colours 4) Pratt 2 (Faulkner, McMillen). Captain player George Cross in the final the last of the Olympic Parkview raise is the District League Cup final. STATE LEAGUE COLTS. FINALE STANDINGS

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